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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 21, 1978 TO MR. E.T. MATENGE, DIRECTOR OF WILDLIFE, NATIONAL PARKS AND TOURISM. RESPONSE REQUESTED BY RETURN TELEGRAM, BY JUNE 23.

JUNE 21, 1978

MR. E. T. MATENGE DIRECTOR OF WILDLIFE, NATIONAL PARKS AND TOURISM P.O. BOX 131 UNCLASSIFIED

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REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

DEAR DIRECTOR MATENGE:

I SINCERELY REGRET THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH PEREZ OLINDO APPEAR TO HAVE LED TO A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE FIFTH WILDLIFE CONFERENCE. WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A RESPECTED AND RESPONSIBLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT EXPERT TO SPEAK TO THIS SUBJECT, AND, IF YOU WISH, SERVE AS YOUR KEYNOTER. I HAVE IN MIND DR. JAMES PULLIAM, DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR-WILDLIFE. DR. PULLIAM HAS A VERY BROAD BACKGROUND IN MANAGEMENT AND SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF OUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM-AREAS TOTALING OVER 33 MILLION ACRES.

DR. JACHOWSKI WILL BE ATTENDING IN PLACE OF JOHN SPINKS WHOSE OWN SCHEDULE WILL NOT ALLOW HIM TO BE AWAY AT THE TIME OF THE CONFERENCE. DR. JACHOWSKI, A HIGHLY QUALIFIED BIOLOGIST, IS INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH BOTH OUR ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM AND OUR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FUNCTIONS UNDER THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES, AND HAS A PERSONAL FAMILIARITY WITH AFRICAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.

MR. TERRY GROSZ, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN WILD LIFE PRODUCTS, WILL ATTEND FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT WITH ATTENDEES TO ASSURE THE LONG RANGE COOPERATION NECESSARY FOR SMOOTHLY OPERATED PERMIT ACTIVITIES WITH THE U.S.

I REGRET THAT MR. PALMISANO'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONFER-LINCLASSIFIED

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ENCE ORGANIZERS, WHICH WAS SENT WITHOUT APPROVAL, TOGETHER WITH OUR SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATIONS, HAS LED TO MANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS. FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, HOWEVER, MR. PALMISANO IS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT, I HAD THE PLEASURE RECENTLY OF MEETING MR. DAVID PEACOCK OF YOUR DEPARTMENT ON HIS CUR-RENT VISIT. MR. PEACOCK IS AN IMPRESSIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR DEPARTMENT. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME OF MY STAFF, MR. PEACOCK MENTIONED THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER IN MAUN. SUCH A TRAINING CENTER WOULD REPRESENT A VALUABLE CONSERVATION COMMITMENT BY BOTSWANA AND COULD HAVE A POSITIVE AND LAST-ING IMPACT ON THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE REGION. I PER-SONALLY BELIEVE THAT TRAINING AND INSTITUTION BUILDING ARE THE KEYSTONES TO SUCCESSFUL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT EFFORTS AND I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOUR EXAMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITY FOR SUCH A CENTER. WE ARE DISCUSSING SUCH A CENTER WITH VENEZUELA, AND WE REGULARLY FOLLOW THE WORK OF THE MWEKA TRAINING CENTER IN TANZANIA. IT IS LIKELY THAT ONE OF MY STAFF WILL BE VISITING MWEKA IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING LECTURERS

TO THAT CENTER. IF SUCH A VISIT OCCURS AND YOU THINK IT PROPER, IT COULD BE QUITE VALUABLE FOR SEVERAL PEOPLE

TO VISIT BOTSWANA TO DISCUSS YOUR TRAINING CENTER AND EXPLORE WAYS TO MAKE ANY RESOURCES WE PROVIDE TO MWEKA AVAILABLE TO YOU AS WELL.

AGAIN, I EXPRESS MY REGRETS FOR THE VARIOUS MISUNDERSTAND-INGS SURROUNDING YOUR CONFERENCE. YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT I RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE, AND DID NOT INTEND IN ANY WAY TO INFLUENCE EITHER ITS FOCUS OR OBJECTIVES. MY NOMINATION OF DR. JAMES PULLIAM IS MADE WITH THE DESIRE TO PROVIDE OUR BEST MANAGEMENT EXPERT IN THE HOPE THAT YOUR CONFERENCE WILL ACHIEVE EVERY INTENDED SUCUNCLASSIFIED

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